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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

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Claim 18 (canceled)

Claim 19 (canceled)

Claim 20 (currently amended): A retractable packaging comprising:

an elongated hollow tube housing with an ~~open~~ sealed end and that can be compressed and elongated axially; and

an elongated member disposed within said elongated hollow tube housing with an end of said elongated member affixed to said sealed end of said elongated hollow tube housing;

wherein said elongated hollow tube housing encloses the elongated member and when the elongated hollow tube housing is retracted by compressing the elongated hollow tube housing axially, one end of the elongated member is exposed.

Claim 21 (previously presented): A retractable packaging as in claim 20, wherein said elongated hollow tube housing comprises a flexible bellow section that can be compressed and elongated axially between the two ends of the elongated hollow tube housing.

Claim 22 (canceled)

Claim 23 (previously presented): A retractable packaging as in claim 21, wherein said elongated member has an applicator at an end.

Claim 24 (canceled)

Claim 25 (currently amended): A retractable packaging as in claim 21, wherein said elongated hollow tube housing has ~~a first sealed end and a second sealed end wherein a first end of said elongated member is affixed to said first sealed end and~~ a second end of said elongated member has a diameter approximately that of the inside diameter of the elongated hollow tube housing

and an opening means is provided near said second sealed end with a substance disposed between said second sealed end and the second end of said elongated member.

Claim 26 (currently amended): A retractable packaging as in claim 21, wherein said elongated hollow tube housing has ~~a first sealed end and~~ a second sealed end wherein ~~a first said end of said elongated member is affixed to said first sealed end and~~ an opening means is provided near said second sealed end with a substance disposed between said second sealed end and a second end of said elongated member.

Claim 27 (currently amended): A retractable packaging as in claim 21, wherein said elongated hollow tube housing has ~~a first sealed end and~~ a second sealed end wherein ~~a first said end of said elongated member is affixed to said first sealed end and~~ a swab is affixed to a second end of said elongated member and an opening means is provided near said second sealed end with a substance disposed between said second sealed end and the second end of said elongated member with the swab.

Claim 28 (currently amended): A retractable packaging as in claim 21, wherein said elongated hollow tube housing has ~~a first sealed end and~~ a second sealed end wherein ~~a first said end of said elongated member is affixed to said first sealed end and~~ a second end of said elongated member has a diameter approximately that of the inside diameter of the elongated hollow tube housing and an opening means is provided near said second sealed end with a substance disposed between said second sealed end and the second end of said elongated member with a swab enclosing the second sealed end.

Claim 29 (currently amended): A retractable packaging as in claim 21, wherein said elongated hollow tube housing has ~~a first sealed end and~~ a second open end wherein ~~a first end of said~~

~~elongated member is affixed to said first sealed end and~~ a second end of said elongated member has a diameter approximately that of the inside diameter of the elongated hollow tube housing with a first substance disposed between said second open end and the second end of said elongated member and a viscous substance acting as a stopper between the first substance and the second open end with a swab enclosing the second open end.

Claim 30 (previously presented): A retractable packaging as in claim 20, wherein said elongated hollow tube housing comprises of a first elongated hollow tube housing with two ends wherein one end has a smaller diameter than the remainder of the first elongated hollow tube housing and a second elongated hollow tube housing with two ends wherein one end has a larger diameter than the remainder of the second elongated hollow tube housing and larger than the diameter of the end of the first elongated hollow tube housing with the smaller diameter and wherein the second elongated hollow tube housing is slidably engaged to the first elongated hollow tube housing.

Claim 31 (previously presented): A retractable packaging as in claim 30, wherein the end opposite the end with a smaller diameter of said first elongated hollow tube housing is sealed and wherein one end of said elongated member is affixed to said sealed end of the first elongated hollow tube housing.

Claim 32 (previously presented): A retractable packaging as in claim 30, wherein said elongated member has an applicator at an end.

Claim 33 (previously presented): A retractable packaging as in claim 31, wherein said elongated member has an applicator at an end.

Claim 34 (previously presented): A retractable packaging as in claim 31, wherein the end opposite the end with the larger diameter of said second elongated hollow tube housing is sealed and a second end of said elongated member has a diameter approximately that of the inside diameter of the second elongated hollow tube housing and an opening means is provided near said sealed end in the second elongated hollow tube housing with a substance disposed between said sealed end of the second elongated hollow tube housing and the second end of said elongated member.

Claim 35 (previously presented): A retractable packaging as in claim 31, wherein the end opposite the end with the larger diameter of said second elongated hollow tube housing is sealed and a swab is affixed to a second end of said elongated member and an opening means is provided near said second sealed end with a substance disposed between said second sealed end and the second end of said elongated member with the swab.

Claim 36 (previously presented): A retractable packaging as in claim 31, wherein the end opposite the end with the larger diameter of said second elongated hollow tube housing is sealed and an opening means is provided near said sealed end in the second elongated hollow tube housing with a substance disposed between said sealed end of the second elongated hollow tube housing and the second end of said elongated member.

Claim 37 (previously presented): A retractable packaging as in claim 30, wherein the end opposite the end with the larger diameter of said second elongated hollow tube housing is sealed and a second end of said elongated member has a diameter approximately that of the inside diameter of the second elongated hollow tube housing and an opening means is provided near said sealed end in the second elongated hollow tube housing with a substance disposed between

said sealed end of the second elongated hollow tube housing and the second end of said elongated member with a swab enclosing the second sealed end.

Claim 38 (previously presented): A retractable packaging as in claim 30, wherein the end opposite the end with the larger diameter of said second elongated hollow tube housing is sealed and a second end of said elongated member has a diameter approximately that of the inside diameter of the second elongated hollow tube housing and an opening means is provided near said sealed end in the second elongated hollow tube housing with a substance disposed between said sealed end of the second elongated hollow tube housing and the second end of said elongated member and a viscous substance acting as a stopper between the first substance and the second open end with a swab enclosing the second open end.